

The Euterpean Concert.

The fourth concert of the Euterpean Society, given on Wednesday night last, in the Sunday school room of the First Presbyterian Church, was one of the most popular musical entertainments that this popular organization has yet provided. Continued practice under a painstaking and capable leader has resulted in an efficiency of performance which marks the Euterpean as an exceptionally good orchestra, and the citizens of Bloomfield may justly feel proud of it.

The concerts of the Society are always enjoyable, and the one last given was no exception to the rule. The programme consisted of thirteen numbers, and was divided into two parts, of six and seven respectively, of which four were vocal and the remainder instrumental.

The vocalists were Miss Ella Smith, of Orange, and Mr. Charles F. Hall, of New York, and their part in the entertainment added to its merit. Miss Smith sang two pieces, "The Daily Question," and "An Old Garden," both of which were well received by the audience. Her voice is a rich mezzo-soprano, and though the songs she rendered were not of a character calculated to reveal the full scope of her capabilities, they were sung in a manner which justified the favorable verdict of her audience.

Mr. Charles F. Hall, who, by the way, supplied the place of his brother Mr. Percy H. Hall, owing to the latter's illness, possesses a bass voice of unusual depth and power, and his numbers were rendered in a manner which provoked hearty applause. "The Miller of the Dee," which he sang in response to an encore, was received with loud manifestations of approval on the part of his appreciative hearers.

Of the performance of the orchestra, there is not much to add to what has appeared in these columns from time to time, when speaking of its playing. A great improvement however, is noticed in the technique of the individual members, and there appears to be greater sympathy between the leader and the orchestra than we have noticed before. The members play with the confidence and precision of professionals, and the interpretation of some of the more difficult and ambitious pieces, was decidedly above the average amateur associations.

The "Gypsy Rondo," by Haydn, was unquestionably the best piece of the evening, and fully deserved the warm applause with which it was greeted. The first violins in particular are deserving of credit for the manner in which they performed the delicate staccato passages in this delightful minuet from Haydn. The two overtures, "Norma" and the "Crown Diamonds," are worthy of especial notice, as being correctly and impressively rendered, and the serenades by Fritz proved a very enjoyable number. As a whole, the concert was a decided success, and it reflects much credit upon the Society which is doing much good work in stimulating the interest of our people in a musical direction. Prof. Louis Fuenkenstein, under whose careful direction the orchestra has been playing during the past year, is greatly pleased with its progress, and predicts great things for it in the future, a prediction which is fully justified by its past advancement.

The house was comfortably filled, and would doubtless have been crowded had it not been for the fact that two other entertainments were held on the same night. The proceeds were divided equally between the association and the Sunday school of the Old Church, to be appropriated to the library fund.

A Wall Street Man's Experiment.
The bookkeeper of a Wall street bank, a man deeply versed in psychology, employs his spare time in making practical tests of his researches. There is a humorous vein in his composition, and these tests are frequently of a laughable nature. He is a firm believer in the theory that man magnifies his own little troubles and will unconsciously put himself out of his way to avoid things that have no existence in point of fact. The other day this philosopher carefully placed a sheet of blotting paper on the edge of a desk in such a way that half the sheet hung over. The desk was in a narrow passage that was much used by the clerks, and the philosopher had no end of fun watching them pass. Instead of shoving the blotting paper out of the way every clerk who passed would squeeze himself against the wall in order to avoid knocking it down. The fat clerks had a hard time of it, and one of them cricked his spinal column in a particularly fine acrobatic feat.—New York Evening Sun.

Fables of Olden Time.
A farmer's wife hanged herself on a tree in his garden. He married another wife, and, curiously enough, she, after a few years, hanged herself on the same tree. He married again, and third wife did the same. The farmer wrote sadly to a distant married friend to tell him of the mournful coincidence. In reply his friend wrote:
"There is great virtue clearly in that tree. Send me a cutting."—Friar John Paul.

A Perfect Poem.
"My dear, your mouth is a perfect poem." "Oh, how can you say such a thing as that?" "Well, it is like a popular poem at least. It is so widely read." And the matrimonial mercury fell 40 degrees at once.—Terre Haute Express.

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